5 - Ray was never considered for the sniper's part. After more than 25 years spent in prison, he would have been totally incapable of killing a man, at a distance of 200 feet, with a single well-placed rifle shot. Rather, his role was to be that of a decoy with instructions to plant false evidence, scatter about misleading clues and lay a false trail of flight in order to throw off potential pursuers of the real sniper. Unbeknown to him, of course, Ray had also been picked by the plotters as an ideal fall guy - for there is no more defenseless human being than an escaped convict-author who has given his performance as a decoy. It was the old Oswald story all over again, with slight variations.

6 - A key element of the strategem was to create a doctored double personality shared by Ray and his accomplice, the real sniper. They were men of similar appearance who studiously enhanced their likeness in looks, dress, speech and behavior and carefully coordinated their activities. They drove nearly the same make and model of cars, used the same photographic accessories (only the original, the other a duplicate) and, in the final stage of their adventure, traveled abroad on two copies of the same false passport.

7 - Dr. King was not shot from Mrs. Brown's Rhodesian nephew; instead, the fatal shot came from a Memphis rooming house of the James Earl Ray fame of Galt.

8 - After the shooting, Ray and his confederate, the real assassin, took off almost simultaneously in identical white Mustangs, but in different directions. While Ray drove to Atlanta, for his final performance as a decoy, the assassin headed for Milwaukee, for a reunion with his girl friend.

9 - The two met again, shortly later, in Toronto where they shed their previous joint personality (Eric Starvo Galt) and adopted a new one (James George Sneyd). With the help of the CIA, which had previously used the good services of Lee S. Wolt (the real Galt, not Ray) our passport in that name was obtained in Toronto and another shortly later in Lisbon.

10 - Early in the game, the CIA found out that there were two Eric Starvo Galts and that one of them was employed against James Earl Ray. But what they learned of the identity of the other - a veteran CIA operative who had also participated in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy - they were appalled. This man was taboo; he enjoyed protection at the highest level. He could not be arrested, much less brought to trial, lest the truth about the Kennedy Murder Found come out into the open.

11 - So the tracks now were further blurred with the active help of the CIA, which gave chase only to Ray while aiding his alter ego, the real executor, to hide abroad. Potential Hydra, but also the Sphinx!

12 - The crowning glory of it all, however, was the almost simultaneous report of both Sneyds at Lorton Airport on June 8, 1967, the first at 6:30 a.m. by Sneyd and the second at 11:15 a.m. by accident, one arriving by plane from Lisbon and the other attempting to leave Lorton on a Pennsylvania-bound plane.

13 - Tom Scotland Yard was in a real quandary, but the C.I.A. (the FBI wanted was to have two Sneyds delivered into its hands. So the police agencies combined to track down the terrible secret - it proved that only one man - Ray - had been caught.

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For the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Percy Foreman, Esquire
804 South Coast Building
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Foreman:

This is in response to your letter of November 23, 1968, to J. Edgar Hoover, requesting the privilege of talking with someone in the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning any knowledge that the Bureau may have concerning threats to Dr. Martin Luther King during the two years prior to April 3, 1968, and to your subsequent telephone conversation with me confirming your request. Mr. Hoover has referred your letter to me for response.

I regret to advise you that, after careful consideration of your request and of the Department's policies with respect to disclosure of information of the type you requested, we are unable to arrange the interview which you seek.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

OFFICE OF THE
VICE CHAIRMAN

December 17, 1968

Deke:

For once I have to admit to you that Texas was "behind the times".

Wanted Poster On Ray Still Up

Fort Worth Bureau of The News

FORT WORTH—Somebody here didn't get the word.

A "wanted notice" on a bulletin board in the U.S. Courthouse urges Fort Worth residents to notify the FBI immediately if they see James Earl Ray. The notice emphasizes that Ray is an escaped convict wanted for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and is considered extremely dangerous.

Ray was captured in England after an intensive search and flown to Memphis, where he is held without bond to await trial.

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Mr. Rosen

December 16, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
(1) - Mr. Long

MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Federal Communications Commission provided us with a list of every individual owning a Citizen's Band radio in Shelby County, Tennessee. We utilized this list to determine if anyone had a Citizen's Band radio in their automobile by the name of Galt. This resulted in negative findings.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that this may at some future time be useful, it is requested that the list be placed in bulky exhibit.

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The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

December 13, 1968

Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated November 21, 1968, from Mr. J. A. Blackwell, the Criminal Court Clerk of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, informing the Attorney General that the hearing on the Petition for Citation for Contempt against Mr. George Bonebrake of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been reset to April 11, 1969.

As you know, my memorandum to you of November 8, 1968, requested that you take appropriate measures to assist our full preparation to oppose the contempt charge, should that need arise.

Enclosure

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 13, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Department has transmitted to us 46 separate applicant type fingerprint cards containing the fingerprints of 46 individuals.

These fingerprint cards were submitted to the Department by Norman A. Carlson, Executive Assistant to the Director of Bureau of Prisons, who received them from Memphis, Tennessee, police authorities and are those of local law enforcement personnel who will be used to provide security for James Earl Ray during his state trial in Memphis, Tennessee, scheduled for March 3, 1969.

The Department requests that we search these individuals through our identification records, and if any arrest records located they be transmitted to the Department for transmittal to Memphis authorities.

ACTION:

The fingerprint cards are being transmitted to our Identification Division for appropriate handling.

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Mr. DeLoach

December 10, 1968

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with the hearing which was to be held on December 12, 1968, at which time Judge Battle of the State Court was to inquire of Attorney Percy Foreman as to whether he is ready to proceed with trial on March 3, we have been advised there may be some delay.

SAC Jensen stated, according to information he received from the State's Attorney General and the Sheriff's Office, it appears Foreman will not show on Thursday, December 12, 1968, inasmuch as he has some commitments on the West Coast. If he does not, the hearing has been set for December 16, 1968.

The State also feels that Judge Battle is annoyed with the dilly-dallying on the part of the defense and is considering asking a public defender to appear in court, at which time he will instruct that the public defender be prepared to proceed with trial. This would not seem to be too logical a course. (This does not seem to be too logical a course inasmuch as the defendant is entitled to an attorney of his own choice in the event he has the ability to pay for it.)

It is also understood Percy Foreman has not asked to see any of the evidence nor has he conducted any investigation or interview of witnesses. He has, however, placed a lien on the Ford Mustang which was purchased by Ray and which was found in Atlanta.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

For your information.

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MR. MOHR

December 4, 1968

N. P. CALLAHAN

COST OF AIRPLANE TO RETURN
JAMES EARL RAY FROM
LONDON, ENGLAND, TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On October 2, 1968, a memorandum from the Director went forward to Mr. Leo M. Pellerzi, Assistant Attorney General for Administration in the Department, transmitting a voucher in the amount of $9,214.60 received from the Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, which covered the cost of the flight of the plane from the United States to England to pick up James Earl Ray and return him to the United States and that the Department could effect payment of this voucher which was erroneously directed to the Bureau. The Budget Officer of the Department at the time that this voucher was forwarded to the Department indicated that it would probably be paid from Department funds and that the State of Tennessee promised to reimburse the Department.

By way of background, when the arrangements weee being effected for Ray's return to this country from London, England, by Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division in the Department, it was recommended that the Department should bear the expense and the Director indicated "Most certainly."

Pellerzi of the Department telephonically contacted the writer on December 3rd and stated he wondered if the Bureau as a favor would consider paying the voucher received from the Air Force in the amount of $9,214.60 since the Department has endeavored to have both the State of Tennessee and the State of Missouri where Ray escaped prison reimburse it for this expense with negative results. Pellerzi stated that the Marshals' funds are practically exhausted and if there was any way the Bureau could pay this voucher it would be appreciated.

Inasmuch as the Director has previously concurred in the Department bearing this cost since they made all of the arrangements in connection therewith and further since this Bureau has itself expended over a million dollars in manpower and other expenses incidental to the King assassination case, it is not felt the Bureau should pay the voucher.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Pellerzi be informed that the Bureau cannot pay the voucher as requested by him.

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen NPC:gt

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Mr. DeLoach

December 2, 1968

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Sullivan

MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie, author, has written two articles which appeared in "Look" magazine concerning James Earl Ray. These articles are based upon notes furnished to Huie by Ray.

Huie, in these articles, infers that a conspiracy exists; however, he did not set forth details to substantiate this. Huie states in these articles that an individual by the name of "Raoul" and Ray entered into a "joint activity" (not further described) and "Raoul" provided Ray with funds. The possibility exists that "Raoul" and Ray engaged in transporting contraband such as narcotics between Canada and the United States and the United States and Mexico as it is noted that Ray attempted to purchase marijuana in Mexico. Investigation by us, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Mexican authorities has failed thus far to identify "Raoul" or to verify his existence. We have no information to date to indicate that Ray was involved in a conspiracy.

Huie, in these articles, sets forth motels that Ray was registered in as a guest that we were not previously aware of. We have checked this out, found it to be true; however, nothing of significance developed. Huie also, in his articles, furnished an account of Ray's employment at Winnetka, Illinois, which we previously were aware of; however, nothing of significance developed.

ACTION:

This is for information. At our request the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is continuing to run out Huie's statements regarding "Raoul" and we are continuing to remain alert to and will run out any allegations of a possible conspiracy, or any other information of pertinence.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

DETAILS: This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie, author, previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of King. Huie has been provided with notes from Ray by Arthur B. Hanes, Ray's former attorney, and based upon these notes, Huie has written two articles which appeared in "Look" Magazine.

Huie, in these articles, inferred that a conspiracy took place as early as August, 1967, and continued up to the day King was assassinated; however, no specific detail was provided to bear this out. Huie also inferred that Ray was involved unknowingly, but again he provided nothing to substantiate this. Huie, in these articles, furnished an account of an individual by the name of "Raoul" and Ray entering into a "joint activity" for which "Raoul" would pay Ray $12,000. The specific nature of the "joint activity" was not fully described or identified, but Ray was to transport packages (not further described) between the United States and Canada.

Huie further stated that "Raoul" met Ray at various motels in the United States, provided Ray with funds and Ray and "Raoul" met at the Mexican Border and an exchange of tires took place.

Extensive investigation by us, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Mexican authorities has failed thus far to identify "Raoul" or to verify his existence. We have no information to date to indicate that Ray was involved in a conspiracy. It is quite possible that "Raoul" and Ray were engaged in some type of smuggling activity as the packages they were allegedly transporting and the tires they were allegedly exchanging could have contained contraband such as narcotics. It is noted that during October and November, 1967, when Ray was in Mexico, he made inquiry as to where he could purchase marijuana.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P*)

LONG

RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call, 11/27/68.

All motels and hotels in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, were checked under RAY's true name and aliases for the month of October, 1967 with negative results.

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1 - Memphis
2 - San Antonio
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

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November 26, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

Mr. Percy Foreman
Attorney at Law
804 South Coast Building
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 23, 1968, concerning your request for information relative to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and information regarding James Earl Ray.

Your letter has been referred to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. You may desire to communicate directly with Mr. Pollak.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE:

Percy Foreman, attorney of record for James Earl Ray, has directed a letter to us requesting information regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and requested information regarding fingerprints that were sent to law enforcement officers (distributed by Missouri State Penitentiary). We are acknowledging Mr. Foreman's letter and we are advising him that his letter is being referred to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Attached for approval is a letter to SAC, Memphis, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Foreman and our response to Mr. Foreman.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

November 26, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter directed to this Bureau from Mr. Percy Foreman, Attorney at Law, 804 South Coast Building, Houston, Texas 77002.

We have acknowledged receipt of Mr. Foreman's letter and have advised him that his letter has been referred to you.

Enclosure

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LAW OFFICES OF
PERCY FOREMAN
604 SOUTH COAST BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

MAIN AT RUSK

November 23, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

J. EDGAR HOOVER, ESQ.
Director- F. B. I.
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Never for a moment did I believe the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any of its officers, had forbidden permission to inspect the premises at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee by attorneys for the defense. I know it was a misunderstanding on the part of the custodian. I dictated my letter to you long distance within a few minutes of being refused access. Early the next morning, I was given permission by the owner to inspect the premises. I would have stopped my letter, but it had already been mailed.

Now, another facet presents itself: I am reliably informed that the F.B.I. had anticipated a possibility of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King for at least two years prior to April 3, 1968. If possible, I would like the privilege of talking with whomever in the F.B.I. is knowledgeable concerning threats against Dr. King. Since the time preceded the date of the ~~release~~ escape of James Earl Ray from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jeffersonville, there may be information available that will be of assistance to his defense.

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I am willing to come to Washington or go anywhere in the United States to talk with any person who might be able to give me any information that is available to me as defense attorney.

Respectfully yours,

Percy Foreman

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 11-26-68

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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1 - Mr. Long

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter received at the Bureau from Percy Foreman, attorney for James Earl Ray, and our reply to his letter.

This is for your information only and should not be disseminated by you.

Enclosure

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

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Now, another facet presents itself: I am reliably informed that the F.B.I. had anticipated a possibility of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King for at least two years prior to April 3, 1968. If possible, I would like the privilege of talking with whomever in the F.B.I. is knowledgeable concerning threats against Dr. King. Since the time preceded the date of the ~~release~~ escape of James Earl Ray from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jeffersonville, there may be information available that will be of assistance to his defense.

Also, I remember reading that a set of fingerprints was broadcast to law enforcement officers as those of James Earl Ray, but which were in fact of some other person. Is there anyone in the Bureau who could clarify these circumstances?

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The adversary system being what it is, I do not anticipate the revelation of any information from the prosecuting attorney. It has long been my policy to start an investigation with the officers who first prepared the case against my client. More than a few times, this has been of considerable aid in the preparation of the client's defense.

I am willing to come to Washington or go anywhere in the United States to talk with any person who might be able to give me any information that is available to me as defense attorney.

Respectfully yours,

Percy Foreman

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Mr. Callahan

J. P. Dunphy

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This is the case involving the killing of Martin Luther King.

By my memorandum 11/15/68, the Director approved that the Exhibits Section prepare a three-dimensional trial exhibit which had been requested by Phil M. Canale, Jr., District Attorney General for Shelby County, Tennessee.

During period 11/19-23/68 necessary measurements were taken of the crime scene area. Accompanying me were Exhibits Specialists Brent H. Hughes and F. Thomas Peyton. We met with Mr. Canale and other members of his staff and after surveying the area and hearing from them the location of their various witnesses, I informed them it will be necessary to construct two and possibly three models to properly show the relationship of the various buildings and also the interior of the rooming house from which the shot was fired. They were informed we will attempt to have these exhibits completed by 2/15/69. The trial is now scheduled for 3/3/69.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: November 21, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. David Horowitz of the World-Union Press, United Nations, New York, directed a letter to us stating that the young man shown in the Warren Commission Exhibit photograph number 2632 seems to resemble the photograph of Ray as appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine (circulated November 12, 1968). Mr. Horowitz's letter was acknowledged by the Director.

Correspondent's reference to Warren Commission Exhibit number 2632 is a photograph of former Chief of Police Currey of Dallas, Texas Police Department holding a press conference on the third floor corridor of the Memphis Police Department, press conference televised sometime between period of 11/22-24/63. This photograph appears on page 232 in the Warren Commission Report.

It is noted that James Earl Ray was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary from March 17, 1960, to his escape on April 23, 1967. It is further noted that the photograph as contained in the Warren Commission Report as referred to by Mr. Horowitz was taken in November 1963; therefore, it is not possible for Ray to be included in this photograph.

ACTION:

For information.

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Legat, Ottawa, has forwarded to the Bureau the results of investigation conducted by the RCMP along with photocopies of a registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel," Ottawa, Ontario. This card indicates the registration of Eric Galt at the above motel on August 18, 1967.

A comparison of the handwriting appearing on the above-mentioned motel registration card with the known handwriting of the subject of this matter, JAMES EARL RAY, discloses that the registration card in question was in fact prepared by subject RAY.

Copies of the investigation conducted by the RCMP and the registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel" are attached hereto.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
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ADDENDUM: Results set forth in this memorandum and RCMP report have been furnished separately to Memphis with the admonition that, as yet, no clearance has been received from RCMP for dissemination outside the Bureau.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached related to information orally furnished to our Memphis Office by the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

William Bradford Huie has written two articles for "Look" magazine concerning Ray and Huie has allegedly been commissioned by Ray to write Ray's life story.

The attached implies that if the information from Hanes' (former attorney for Ray) defense file is published in "Life" magazine, it may differ from the articles as written by Huie which appeared in the last two issues of "Look" magazine.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 11-19-68 he was in receipt of information that might be of interest to the FBI. This information is as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY has advised WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE that he thought because of recent developments there might be a different approach to his trial, but that the final decision would be left up to PERCY FOREMAN, the new attorney. RAY also requested that any payments that might be due him for attorneys fees not be sent to anyone, including RAY's brother JERRY. RAY also reportedly told Mr. HUIE that he had read an article indicating that HANES is supposedly negotiating with "Life" magazine to sell the defense file which he was going to present at RAY's trial. RAY said that if this were so it would affect to a considerable degree the story being written by Mr. HUIE. RAY suggested to HUIE that in the event he wanted to correspond with RAY again he should do so through Mr. FOREMAN.

The foregoing information is furnished for the Bureau's information. Any other information received will also be furnished the Bureau.

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November 16, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Department being advised accordingly

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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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D.J. 144-72-662

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim;
Conspiracy Against Rights,
CIVIL RIGHTS

We have reviewed the article in the November 26, 1968, Look Magazine written by William Bradford Huie concerning the subject (pages 86-99).

It presents a number of objective facts as to Ray's travel and activities between April 23, 1967, and December 1967. To the extent possible, please determine the correctness of these facts if you have not already done so.

There are also a number of allegedly factual statements in the article which, as part of the continuing full investigation of this matter previously requested, require investigation in connection with the presence or absence of a conspiracy. While not inclusive, the ones appearing in this second article which seem to us to require investigation are:

1. In August of 1967, Ray crossed the Detroit-Windsor border, and made a $4.50 import tax payment for a television he carried in his car. At this crossing, Ray had left Raoul at a Detroit bus station. Ray was instructed to wait at the Windsor railroad station for Raoul who was delivered there in a cab.

2. Ray allegedly arrived in Birmingham on August 25, 1967, from Canada, by way of Gary, Indiana, and Chicago(where he sold the red Plymouth).

3. On or near August 28, 1967, Ray received a letter from Raoul in Birmingham, and was told that night to meet Raoul at the Starlite Cafe on 5th Avenue

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North, across from the Post Office. The article states that Ray and Raoul met at the cafe again the following night where Ray discussed with Raoul the Mustang he had found for sale.

4. On or about August 30, 1968, Ray paid William D. Paisley $2,000 in $20- or larger bills for the Mustang. The article states Ray "was handed the $2,000 in Birmingham, perhaps only a few minutes before he handed it to Mr. Paisley." The denominations stolen from the Illinois bank which we believe Ray and one other man robbed may be relevant here.

5. Sometime after October 5 or 6, 1967, Ray stayed in a motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where he met Raoul. Upon Raoul's instructions, Ray drove back across the Mexican border followed by Raoul in a cab. On the United States side, Raoul took a tire from a car waiting by a frame house, and placed it in Ray's car. Raoul and Ray then together drove through Customs. Raoul got out from the car, and Ray paid the inspectors $3.00 to be cleared. It was here that Ray obtained his tourist card. Together, he and Raoul drove to Ray's motel where Raoul's car, with Mexican license plates was waiting. The next day, Raoul returned to Ray's motel. The tire was again placed in Ray's car. Ray in his car, and Raoul in his car, were passed through the interior customs.

6. In the middle of December 1967, Ray met Raoul again in a bar in New Orleans, and was given $2,500 in $20 bills. Ray contacted Raoul at the New Orleans phone number given Ray in Canada.

7. There is an account of Ray's contact with Rev. von Kos, head of the International Society of Hypnosis, in January 1968 and of his nose operation by Dr. Russell Hadley, plastic surgeon.

8. On March 15, 1968, "Ray received by mail . . . the directive he had been expecting. He was wanted in Selma and Birmingham, Ala." He registered in Selma on Friday, March 22, 1968, at the Flamingo Motel. The AP on March 21, 1968, reported that Dr. King was to be in Camden, Alabama, on March 21.

Please provide this Division (carbon copy to the Criminal Division) with a report of the results of your investigation and checking out of the facts as to Ray's travel and activities.

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